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Anthuriums by SHAFFER

GROWING INSTRUCTIONS

LIGHT—Plenty of light, but no **direct** sun.

TEMPERATURE—60°-65° preferable for maximum blooming. Temperature between 45°-100° will not harm the plants.

SOIL—Can be grown in any medium of a porous nature, such as: sphagnum, osmunda or polypodium moss, or a mixture of ½ leaf mold, ¼ peat moss, ¼ sand, vermiculite or Soil-Air. Use 1½ inches of broken tile or coarse gravel in the bottom of the pot. Cover the roots with your growing medium as they appear above the surface.

WATERING—Depends on the medium used and the conditions under which the plant is grown. Water thoroughly but only when the pot and soil appears dry. **DO NOT OVERWATER.** With proper watering the roots will be plump and firm; overwatering will cause them to become brown and rotten; insufficient water will cause them to wither.

HUMIDITY—A simulated tropical condition is most beneficial to the flowering of the plant. This can be done by using a large, shallow dish filled with gravel and kept **half** filled with water under the pot.

SPRAYING—Spray leaves and crown of plant occasionally with a good insect spray such as: DDT, Black Leaf 40 or Volk.

Plants bloom the year around, with one bloom appearing at a time. Blooms should last about six weeks on plant. At this time, a new bud should be forming.

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